

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, FLYING J TRAVEL CENTER #616, 42810 FRAZIER MOUNTAIN PARK ROAD, LEBEC, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, RB CASE NO. 5T15000939

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the subject case (Site), and to request comments from interested parties.

The Site currently operates as a convenience store, restaurant, hotel and petroleum fueling facility for commercial trucks and passenger cars. The Site is west of Interstate Highway 5, on the south side of Frazier Mountain Park Road, and approximately three miles east of Frazier Park, California. The Los Angeles County Assessor's ID Number is 3251-005-044.

From August to October 2018, soil samples were collected beneath the underground storage tank (UST) systems and waste oil pits during permanent closure activities. Gasoline, diesel and oil- range hydrocarbons were detected in 44 of the 73 samples collected, but only eight samples had concentrations greater than 100 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), and all these were diesel range hydrocarbons. The Central Valley Water Board requested an investigation to determine the extent and concentration of the hydrocarbons.

The investigation was conducted during August and November 2020. Soil borings were advanced and sampled at the eight locations. The borings were beneath a diesel UST, four fuel dispensers and three product line locations.

Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPH-GRO) was detected in some samples at very low concentrations (less than 0.1 mg/kg). TPH as diesel (TPH-DRO) was detected to a maximum concentration of 84.7 mg/kg. TPH oil and grease (TPH-ORO) was detected to a maximum of 39.9 mg/kg. The fuel constituents benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes (BTEX) were usually not detected, and when detected were at very low concentrations, less than 0.001 mg/kg. Naphthalene and organic lead were not detected. The fuel oxygenate methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) was not detected, but the MTBE breakdown product tertiary butyl ether (TBA) was detected in most of the samples at less than 0.1 mg/kg. The environmental consultant conducting the work estimated that approximately 16 cubic yards of soil has TPH concentrations greater than 100 mg/kg.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted the *Low – Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (Policy). The case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation reports and meets the criteria for case closure based on the fundamental principles contained in the Policy. Groundwater is not affected by the release, and shallow soil sample results indicate there should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from the remaining petroleum product constituents.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to the parties listed on the attached mailing list, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/, Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closures. Details of the Site assessment are also available to interested parties through the State Water Board's [GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) at <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>.

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing technical reports, asking questions, and providing comments on the proposed case closure. The Central Valley Water Board case number is 5T15000939.

Please submit comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office by **28 May 2021**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or our proposed actions should contact the case worker, John Whiting, at 1685 E Street, in Fresno, at (559) 445-5504 or by email at John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov

Upon completion of the public comment period, and in the absence of substantive comments against closure being granted, Central Valley Water Board staff will proceed with the case closure process.

The Public Notice was mailed to the addresses listed in the attached *Adjoining Property Owners* table prepared by Broadbent & Associates, Inc.